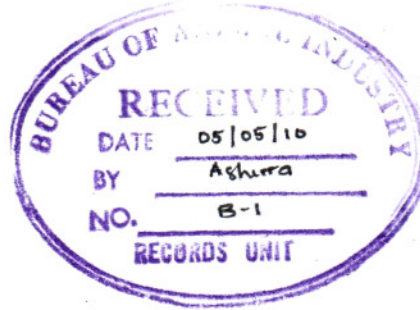




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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF FMD-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM JAPAN

WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted to the Office International des Epizooties by Dr. Toshiro Kawashima, Chief Veterinary Officer last April 20, 2010, there was an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Japan;


WHEREAS, the FMD outbreak started April 7, 2010 in a cattle farm in Tsuno-cho Koyu-gun, Miyazaki;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Japan to protect the health of the local livestock population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. BERNIE G. FONDEVILLA, Secretary of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures:

1. Banning the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from Japan;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) to Import of the above-stated commodities from Japan by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);
3. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products into the country originating from Japan by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


ATTY. BERNIE G. FONDEVILLA
Secretary